



Archaeology News



- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*

- **Awarded Archaeology Grant Projects-** The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology recently announced the approval of the next round of archaeology and preservation grants. The federal funds come from the National Park Service, a part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, which distributes federal funds to the states through the Historic Preservation Fund Program. The archaeology grants are described below.

Fort Wayne: The Archaeological Survey of IU-PU at Fort Wayne received \$27,675 to collect data about Paleoindian and Early Archaic chronology and technology in the Kankakee drainage of northwestern Indiana. The project includes intensive field survey, collector interviews, database enhancement, analysis, and public education efforts within a ten county area that encompasses the main drainage basin of the Kankakee River. The counties include: Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Starke, and St. Joseph. (Contact: Andrew White, IPFW, 260-481-6144.)

Hamilton County: The Archaeological Survey of IU-PU at Fort Wayne received a \$10,000 grant for a two-week educational archaeology program at the Strawtown Koteewi Park near Noblesville in Hamilton Co. The project will also result in a National Register nomination for the Strawtown enclosure. During the past five years, IPFW has worked with the Hamilton County Parks Department to assess and explore the unique archaeological heritage of the 750-acre park. (Contact: Bob McCullough, IPFW, 260-481-6892.)

Hancock County: Ball State University's Department of Anthropology received a \$31,900 grant for a systematic archaeological survey of Hancock Co. This project will survey approximately 1,000 acres of agricultural land in Hancock Co. and conduct public education outreach. Hancock Co. was formed in 1828, has an area of approximately 195,200 acres, and is currently the sixth fastest growing county in the state. (Contact: Don Cochran, Ball State University, 765-285-5328)

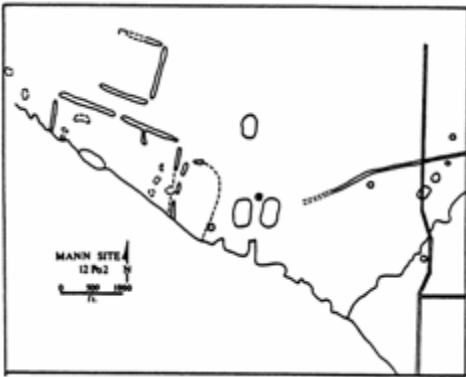
Indianapolis: Martin University was awarded a \$10,000 archaeology public education grant to conduct its Next Step Education Through Archaeology Program at Fort Harrison State Park. This successful program is in its eighth year and is an opportunity for

predominately minority high school students from Indianapolis to participate in a six-week summer field school activity. The program educates students about archaeology, and provides them with skills and experience that enhance their competitive advantage in college. (Contact, Harry Murphy, Martin University, 317-917-3305.)

DHPA grants staff Malia Savarino (standing, left) and Steve Kennedy (standing, third from left) visiting participants in the Next Step Education Through Archaeology project during one of the past years of the project.



Posey County: Indiana University was awarded \$11,550 to conduct surface mapping and subsurface imaging at the Mann Site in Posey Co. a highly significant Middle Woodland archaeological landscape and Hopewell culture site. The Hopewellian cultural manifestation in Indiana is particularly represented by the Mann Site, a very large earthwork/mound/habitation complex (Contact: Staffan Peterson, Indiana University, 812-855-9544).



The Mann Site is so important it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places (Map from Ruby 1993).

Tippecanoe County: The Archaeological Survey of IU-PU at Fort Wayne received a \$35,625 grant to continue archaeological survey and assessment of the Kethtippecanunk site in Tippecanoe Co. Kethtippecanunk was a mixed French and Wea Indian town that was burned by the Kentucky militia in 1791. The site is currently state-owned and is within the limits of Prophetstown State Park. Recent archaeological work by IPFW identified multiple components at the site, including Middle Woodland, Late Woodland, Late Prehistoric, as well as the Historic Native American and French component. (Contact: Michael Strezewski, IPFW, 260-481-4176).

- Praise for DHPA's archaeology outreach efforts-** Our office has been receiving praise for our varied outreach efforts regarding archaeology. These are just a few of the compliments that have been received lately: "you're doing a fantastic job with public outreach in Indiana;" "I have not done so before now but want you to know I appreciate all of the hard work that goes into keeping us all abreast of education and outreach opportunities in the region;" and "Thank you for sending the emails concerning various archaeological issues and job postings. The students in my courses have benefited from them." Other exciting avenues of outreach, such as working with new groups and giving presentations for organizations we've not met with before, are bringing new and

important connections. For example, in July, State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones will be giving a presentation on archaeology to the 500 Earth Sciences Club of Indianapolis, Indiana.

The first part of our office's mission statement is "*The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts...*," and we're so pleased to learn that people who care about archaeological resources in our state are finding our public outreach efforts beneficial. We are excited to do our part in reaching the interested public with information about archaeology. Together, we are all working to preserve, protect, and learn more about, our irreplaceable Hoosier archaeological sites.

- **New archaeology staff member-** Dr. Melody Pope joined our archaeology staff in mid-May. Dr. Pope is double-filling the temporary vacancy in our archaeology section and will be conducting Section 106 reviews. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Indiana University and M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Binghamton University. Dr. Pope is a North American and Near Eastern archaeologist by training with interests in the political economy of prehistoric and historic period societies. Dr. Pope also specializes in cultural resource management and lithic microwear analysis. Her recent research interests include gristmills and tenancy farming. Please join us in welcoming her.

New DHPA
archaeologist Dr. Pope
(with her dog Alex).



- **Website updates-** The DHPA main website (including the archaeology sections) has been experiencing some updates, additions, and revisions. If you haven't lately, you might want to check out some of these new features at www.IN.gov/dnr/historic. New are areas with information regarding Native Americans in Indiana today, updates and/or additions to the Indiana Archaeology Month sections, information regarding the centennial of the American Antiquities Act (http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archo_mandates.html) and more. Additional exciting information will still be forthcoming, so check back often!

- **Archaeological Tourism in the Hoosier State-** In the spring, Indiana's new tourism slogan, "Restart Your Engines," was announced. Why not restart your engines while enjoying learning more about the prehistory and history of our great state? Step back in time and visit some of our outstanding archaeological resources. Many people know some of the famous tourism destinations of our state, such as the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but perhaps don't know that Indiana has many exciting and important archaeological sites. To learn more about these great locations, a good place to start is

Visitors to Mounds State Park in Anderson, IN learning about the earthworks which are so important that they are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/bin/travelsarchaeo.pdf>. These are great destinations at which to spend time with family and learn more about our state's rich archaeological heritage. Several Indiana universities are conducting archaeological fieldschools which continue into June. You might also want to consider contacting the universities (<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/archmonth/pdf/contacts2.pdf>) and asking about the possibility of visiting the excavations while they are going on!

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

Compiled and written by Amy Johnson, Research Archaeologist and Archaeology Outreach Coordinator (June 2006). Map of the Mann site from: An Archaeological Investigation of Mann Phase Settlement Patterns in Southwestern Indiana. Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology. Indiana University. *Reports of Investigations* 93-18. Bloomington. By Brett J. Ruby, 1993. Information regarding the archaeology grants is from the DHPA grants staff and the DNR press release regarding the awarded projects. Dr. Pope supplied the photo of herself and her pet.

Mission Statement: *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

